HOW TO CHANGE A NAME ON YOUR DELTA AIR LINES TICKET

Need to change a name on a Delta Air Lines ticket? Travelers can call **1-855-234-9809** anytime to reach a live name correction agent — 24/7 line for typo fixes, marriage and divorce updates, and legal name changes.

Name changes on flight tickets are governed by stricter rules than most travelers expect. The TSA Secure Flight program requires the name on a boarding ticket to match the name on the government-issued ID presented at the airport security checkpoint, which means even small discrepancies can lead to denied boarding. Delta Air Lines processes name corrections and name changes every day, and the path that works depends entirely on what kind of change you need. To start a name change request and verify exactly what documentation and fees apply to a specific booking, travelers can dial **1-855-234-9809** and reach a live agent who can pull up the ticket, confirm what change is needed, and process the update directly. This guide covers everything that matters when you need to fix a name on a Delta ticket — the difference between name correction and name change, how TSA Secure Flight rules apply, what documentation is required for different scenarios, when the change is free and when it carries a fee, and the specific situations where calling beats trying online.

Why Travelers Call (855) 234-9809 to Change a Name

Delta offers limited online tools for name changes, and most types of name updates cannot be processed through delta.com or the Fly Delta app at all. The system is designed this way because name changes touch the TSA Secure Flight database, which requires verification that the website cannot perform. Booking holders frequently call **(855) 234-9809** when the online tool returns an error on a name change attempt, when the misspelling is more than a single character, when the change is tied to marriage or divorce documentation, or when the ticket has already been issued and the name on the ticket does not match the passenger's ID. Common situations that require phone help include:

- Misspelled first or last names discovered after booking confirmation
- Marriage name change after the ticket was purchased
- Divorce or court-ordered name change requiring documentation submission
- Tickets booked through travel agencies where the name appears differently than expected
- SkyMiles account name mismatches with the ticketed name
- International itineraries where passport name does not match ticket name
- Multi-passenger bookings where one or more passenger names need updating

For all of these, dialing **+1-855-234-9809** puts a live agent on the line who can verify the exact change needed, determine whether documentation is required, calculate any applicable fees, and process the update. The phone path is the only reliable channel for most name changes because TSA Secure Flight verification cannot be automated.

The Critical Difference: Name Correction vs Name Change

The single most important distinction in this entire process is whether you need a name correction or a name change. The two are treated very differently by Delta, with different fees, different documentation requirements, and different processing times. To determine which category applies to a specific situation, travelers should call **1.855.234.9809** and describe the discrepancy precisely.

Name correction applies when the name on the ticket is essentially the same name as the passenger's legal identification but contains a minor error:

- Typo of 1 to 3 characters (e.g., "Jonh" instead of "John")
- Letters out of order (e.g., "Smtih" instead of "Smith")
- Missing or extra single letter

- First and middle name swapped
- Missing suffix like Jr. or III
- Hyphenated last name where one part was dropped

Corrections are typically processed without a fee on tickets purchased directly through Delta, though some restrictions apply. They do not require legal documentation since the change is not a transformation of the legal identity — just a fix to a typing error.

Name change applies when the name is being updated to reflect a different legal identity:

- Marriage name change (taking spouse's surname)
- Divorce name change (restoring maiden name)
- Court-ordered legal name change
- Adoption-related name change
- Significant alteration of more than 3 characters that goes beyond simple typo

Name changes typically require supporting documentation and may carry processing fees, depending on the fare class and how the ticket was purchased. Travelers calling **(855) 234-9809** with the documentation ready can often complete the entire process in a single call.

TSA Secure Flight Requirements — Why the Name Must Match Your ID

The TSA Secure Flight program requires every domestic and international passenger to provide their full legal name as it appears on their government-issued photo ID. Delta transmits passenger information to TSA at the time of booking and again before each flight. Discrepancies between the ticket name and ID name can result in additional security screening or, in serious mismatches, denied boarding.

The TSA Secure Flight matching rules are stricter than most travelers realize:

- The first name on the ticket must match the first name on the ID
- The last name on the ticket must match the last name on the ID
- Middle name is recommended to match but TSA tolerates omission in some cases
- Suffixes (Jr., Sr., III) should match but are not always strictly enforced
- Nicknames (Bob for Robert, Liz for Elizabeth) are not acceptable substitutions
- The date of birth and gender on the ticket should match the ID

If you discover after booking that the name on your Delta ticket does not match your government-issued ID exactly, the safest action is to call **+1-855-234-9809** as soon as possible and request a correction. The longer you wait, the closer you get to the departure date when corrections become more difficult and sometimes impossible to process before the flight.

Step-by-Step: How to Change a Name on Your Delta Ticket by Phone

For travelers ready to start the process, here is the exact sequence that works most efficiently. The fastest start is to dial **1-855-234-9809** with all your documentation in hand — agents process name updates much faster when the caller is prepared.

Step 1 — Gather your documentation Before calling, have the Delta confirmation code, the ticket number (13 digits, starts with 006 for Delta), the name as currently shown on the ticket (with the error highlighted), the name as it appears on the government-issued ID you will use to fly, and any legal documentation supporting the change (marriage certificate, divorce decree, court order). Having this together cuts call time significantly.

Step 2 — Dial the name correction desk Travelers should call **+1 855-234-9809** from a quiet location with a strong signal. The line is staffed around the clock, including weekends and holidays.

Step 3 — Bypass the IVR Delta's automated menu routes most callers through several layers before reaching a specialist. Saying "Name change" or "Name correction" at the prompts typically routes faster than generic options. Pressing 0 also reaches a human.

Step 4 — Describe the change precisely When the agent picks up, state the exact change: "I need to correct a 2-character typo on confirmation [X] — current name is [X], correct name is [Y]." For legal changes: "I need a legal name change on confirmation [X] due to [marriage / divorce / court order], with supporting documentation ready."

Step 5 — Confirm the change and get a new ticket Before hanging up, confirm the name has been updated correctly,

request a new ticket email with the corrected name, get a reference number for the change, and verify no impact to fare class or boarding pass eligibility. Ask the agent to also confirm the TSA Secure Flight database has been updated.

What Documentation Do You Need for Different Name Change Scenarios?

The documentation requirement depends entirely on the type of change. Some changes need no documentation; others require specific legal documents to be submitted. To verify what documentation applies to a specific situation, travelers can call **1.855.234.9809** before gathering paperwork.

Here is the typical documentation required for each scenario at Delta:

- **Simple typo correction (1-3 characters)**: No documentation required. The agent processes the correction based on a verbal description.
- **Missing middle name addition**: No documentation typically required, though some agents may ask for ID verification.
- **Marriage name change**: Marriage certificate or marriage license (copy or photo acceptable). Some agents may also accept a court-issued name change document.
- **Divorce name change**: Divorce decree showing the restored former name, or marriage certificate with the legal name reversion.
- **Court-ordered name change**: Certified copy of the court order showing the legal name change.
- **Adoption-related name change**: Adoption decree or court documentation showing the legal name change.
- **Gender marker change combined with name change**: Court order or state-issued documentation. Specific requirements vary; the agent at **+1-855-234-9809** can confirm the current documentation requirements.

Documentation can typically be emailed or uploaded through a secure Delta portal after the call begins. The agent will provide the upload link and reference number during the call. Once documentation is received and verified, the name change is processed and a new ticket is issued.

Phone vs Online — Which Path Works for Name Changes?

Delta's online tools handle a very limited subset of name changes. Most updates require live agent intervention. The decision tree is straightforward, but knowing in advance which path applies saves time.

TYPE OF NAME CHANGE	BEST PATH	RECOMMENDED NUMBER
Typo of 1 character only	Online (sometimes) or phone	**1-855-234-9809**
Typo of 2-3 characters	Phone	**(855) 234-9809**
First and middle name swap	Phone	**+1-855-234-9809**
Marriage name change	Phone	**1.855.234.9809**
Divorce name change	Phone	**855-234-9809**
Court-ordered legal change	Phone	**1-855-234-9809**
SkyMiles account name update	Online + phone	**(855) 234-9809**
Multi-passenger correction	Phone	**+1-855-234-9809**

The pattern is clear: anything beyond a single-character typo benefits from a live agent. The online tool returns errors or refuses to process most name changes because TSA Secure Flight verification requires human judgment.

How Much Does a Name Change Cost at Delta?

The cost of a name change at Delta depends on the type of change and the fare class of the ticket. Simple corrections are usually free; more complex changes may carry processing fees. To get an exact cost quote for a specific situation, travelers can call **1-855-234-9809** with the confirmation code ready.

General cost structure as of 2026:

- **Minor typo correction (1-3 characters)**: Typically free on tickets purchased directly through Delta
- **Missing middle name addition**: Typically free
- **Marriage or divorce name change with documentation**: Generally free with proper documentation
- **Court-ordered legal name change**: Generally free with proper documentation
- **Significant name change (more than 3 characters with no legal basis)**: May not be permitted; treated as a name transfer attempt
- **Travel agency booking name changes**: Subject to the agency's policies and fees, which may apply on top of any Delta fees
- **Award tickets booked with SkyMiles**: Generally follow paid ticket rules for name changes

The key distinction is whether the change reflects an actual legal name update or a typo correction (both typically free with documentation if needed) versus an attempted transfer of the ticket to a different person (typically not permitted). Travelers calling **(855) 234-9809** should be ready to clarify which category applies.

Best Time to Call 855-234-9809 for Name Change Help

Delta's call volume swings dramatically across the week. Smart timing reduces hold time significantly when handling a name change that needs immediate resolution.

Lowest wait times Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings between 5:00 and 9:00 AM Eastern Time. Name change agents are most available during this window — typical hold time is 2 to 4 minutes.

Highest wait times Monday mornings (post-weekend booking issues surge), Friday afternoons, and any holiday period when last-minute travelers discover errors on their tickets.

Late-night calls Between 10:00 PM and 2:00 AM Eastern Time, call volume drops significantly. The name change line at **1-855-234-9809** stays open around the clock — late-night calls are often the fastest path for non-urgent corrections.

SkyMiles Medallion priority lines SkyMiles Medallion Silver, Gold, Platinum, and Diamond members have access to dedicated phone numbers with shorter queues that also handle name change inquiries.

Frequently Asked Questions

Can I change the name on my Delta ticket?

Yes, in most cases. Delta allows name corrections for typos (1-3 characters), missing middle names, and full legal name changes due to marriage, divorce, or court order. Name transfer to a different person is generally not permitted under TSA Secure Flight rules. To start the change, callers should dial **1-855-234-9809** with the confirmation code and any supporting documentation ready.

Is there a fee to correct a misspelled name on a Delta ticket?

Minor typo corrections of 1 to 3 characters are typically free on tickets purchased directly through Delta. Larger corrections or legal name changes are also typically free when supported by appropriate documentation. To verify the exact cost for a specific situation, travelers can call **(855) 234-9809**.

How do I change my name on a Delta ticket after marriage?

Call **+1-855-234-9809** with the confirmation code and your marriage certificate ready. The agent verifies the documentation, updates the ticket name to reflect the new legal name, issues a new ticket with the corrected name, and updates the TSA Secure Flight record. The entire process typically takes 10 to 20 minutes by phone.

Can I transfer my Delta ticket to someone else?

Generally no. TSA Secure Flight rules require the name on a boarding ticket to match the name on the passenger's government-issued ID, and Delta does not permit transferring tickets to a different person. The only path is to cancel the original booking (subject to applicable refund or credit rules) and have the new traveler purchase a separate ticket. Travelers can call **1.855.234.9809** to discuss alternatives.

How soon before my flight should I correct a name error on a Delta ticket?

As soon as possible. Name corrections become more difficult to process the closer you get to the departure date, and on the day of travel, gate agents may not have authority to correct significant errors. Travelers should call **855-234-9809** the moment they notice the discrepancy, ideally days or weeks before the flight.

Before You Make the Call

Name changes on Delta tickets are simpler than most travelers fear, but they require the right approach. Knowing whether you need a correction or a legal name change, having documentation ready when applicable, and calling the dedicated line directly rather than fighting with the website turns a stressful situation into a 15-minute call. Travelers who save **1-855-234-9809** in their phone the moment they book — not when they discover a typo two days before departure — consistently get to the airport with tickets that match their IDs.

Delta’s name correction desk operates around the clock, every day of the week, including holidays and during major travel disruptions. Whether the change is a quick typo fix that takes ten minutes or a documented legal name change that requires uploading paperwork, the fastest path is always direct phone contact. Travelers can dial **1-855-234-9809** to reach the dedicated team, or use the short-form dial **855-234-9809** for the same destination. International callers can also dial **+1-855-234-9809** from any country with toll-free routing. Having the confirmation code, ticket number, and any supporting documentation ready before the call typically reduces the total processing time to under thirty minutes, even for complex legal name changes that involve TSA Secure Flight database verification and SkyMiles account updates. Save these numbers in your phone the moment you book — not the moment a problem appears.